

Music con Brio Studio Policies

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Welcome to piano lessons! Music con Brio is more than just a catchy name. "Con Brio" is the musical term for "with spirit." We infuse joy into the lives of our students through our unique teaching practices. The traditional teaching methods you may remember from childhood often leave students feeling stuck, uninspired, and unable to keep the passion of playing piano in their lives.

That's why we're on a mission to refresh the way we learn to play piano. We hope to inspire creative expression and create deeper connections. Learning to play piano isn't just learning an instrument, it's a way to enhance human connection and bring long-lasting joy into our lives.

When you join the studio, you get...

- 40 weekly lessons at your reserved time
 - summer session lessons may be substituted for group workshops
- Up to 3 group piano parties over the calendar year
- 2 recital performance opportunities
- Access to the studio library of games and supplemental music
- A weekly lesson plan tailored to your learning style
- Studio-wide practice challenges
- An experienced, professional instructor: Ms. Valerie has a bachelors degree in music education and a masters in piano performance, 10+ years of full-time teaching experience, and a commitment to ongoing study of the latest piano pedagogy methods

You agree to...

- Arrive on time for your scheduled lesson
- Purchase recommended curriculum books for your student (approximately \$30-45 per student)
- Come prepared with books, materials, and a pencil
- Support your student in developing a consistent daily piano routine
- Provide your student with an 88 key, acoustic or digital piano with working pedal and weighted, touch-sensitive keys
 - note: for best results, an acoustic piano is recommended by the start of your third year of lessons

Tuition Payments

- Tuition is charged at a flat monthly rate, September through July. Note that tuition payments are not a per-lesson fee and remain the same each month
- An annual registration fee of \$100 per student is due Aug 1st
- Monthly tuition is due on the 1st of each month, Sept - July
- A \$15 late fee will be added to any late payments
- Payments can be made via cash, check, online through the studio website, or via Zelle (valerie@musicconbriopiano.com)

Music con Brio reserves the right to suspend or terminate instruction for any student whose account is delinquent.

School Year Schedule

Please choose a lesson time you can commit to for the full school year. Your tuition reserves your assigned lesson time in the studio calendar. It does not guarantee instructor availability outside of your regularly scheduled lesson time.

If you need to change lesson times mid-year, you can take advantage of the studio swap list to switch times with another student. Lesson time changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Summer Session Schedule

Tuition payments remain the same through summer session and can be used towards any of the following options:

- 8 private lessons (with flex scheduling- choose from any available lesson time online and reschedule as needed)
- 4 private lessons and 1 group workshop
- 2 group workshops

Group workshops are 3 hours long and focus on topics like composition, rhythm, music history, and ensemble playing. Group workshop schedule and topics will be released in March for the following summer.

Students who take the summer off have the option to pay a holding fee of 50% tuition for summer to keep their space reserved for fall. Families who opt out of the holding fee will be placed on the waitlist for fall availability.

Missed Lessons

The studio calendar covers 44 weeks of lessons. Tuition includes 40 private lessons. The additional 4 weeks are set aside as “flex lessons”-

Two weeks are allotted for instructor sick days, professional development, vacation, and family care days.

The other two flex lessons are allotted for student cancelations. If you need to miss a lesson for any reason, please inform me via email with as much notice as possible.

If you need to miss more than 2 lessons in the year, I also offer

- opt-in studio swap list to temporarily switch lesson times with another family
- live online lessons via zoom
- asynchronous video lessons to watch on your own time
- If I have any other cancelations during regular teaching hours, I will offer those times as well. This option is subject to availability and can't be guaranteed
- in cases where none of these options work, you can also request a packet of games and worksheets that I will assemble during your assigned lesson time

You must notify the teacher by 9am the day of your absence to take advantage of the above options. More notice is appreciated when possible!

Termination of Lessons

Students commit to lessons for a full studio year (Sept - July). If you need to discontinue lessons mid-year, you must provide 30 days paid notice.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments, now and throughout the year; we're here to help as much as we can. We look forward to exploring music with you!

I have read and understand the policies and procedures detailed above.

(name)

(date)

